

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

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AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-7

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AMENDED ORDER REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACIAL COVERINGS IN COURTROOMS AND OFFICES IN THE COURTHOUSES OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly limited Court and Probation operations in the Sixth Judicial District due to the need to minimize the risk to the public, attorneys, litigants, and staff who are required, need, or wish to attend trials, hearings, and other functions in the courthouses, clerk's offices, and probation offices of the Sixth Judicial District. In order to resume an appropriate level of court and probation operations, while ensuring the safety of all individuals participating in or observing court and probation operations, and after considering Governor Polis' EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2020 039, as extended by D 2020 067, requiring workers in critical governmental functions to wear non-medical masks covering their nose and mouth, and the current Center for Disease Control "RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSMISSION," and considering ORDER NO. 2020 – 08, AN ORDER OF THE INTERIM MANAGER OF THE CITY OF DURANGO PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS ADOPTING A POLICY REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN THE CITY OF DURANGO TO ASSIST WITH THE SUPPRESSION OF THE DISEASE DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS IN EFFECT, the Court hereby orders that all individuals who enter the La Plata County Courthouse or any courtroom, clerk, or probation office in the Sixth Judicial District shall wear an appropriate face covering. If an individual enters a courthouse in the Sixth Judicial District and articulates a health or safety issue to be exempt from the requirement to wear a facial covering, such individual shall be allowed to enter the courthouse.

An appropriate face covering shall comply with paragraph 2 of the City of Durango's Order 2020-08 which defines a face covering as:

A covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face, and that fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and remains in place without the use of one's hands. Face coverings include, but are not limited to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, buffs, and gaiters. Face coverings do not include any mask that incorporates a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, and such masks are not to be used to comply with this Order. Valves of that type without filters permit droplet release from the mask and can put others nearby at risk.

The Court further orders that individuals not complying with this order will not be allowed to enter the courthouses of the Sixth Judicial District and may be required to leave any